

August 17, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR FOSTER FAMILY READING FESTIVALS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Accept a one-time grant in the amount of \$22,400 from Target Corporation to allow the Public Library to conduct Foster Family Reading Festivals at sixteen libraries throughout the County between September and December 2004, approve the attached appropriation adjustment, and authorize the County Librarian: to act on the County's behalf regarding the completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant program, to expend the funds as necessary for the completion of the project, and to meet the conditions of the grant.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The County Librarian is requesting that the Board accept a \$22,400 grant from Target Corporation to allow the Public Library to conduct Foster Family Reading Festivals at sixteen County libraries under the auspices of the "Mervyn's Go Places, Read" initiative. The goal of the reading festivals is to encourage foster caregivers to visit their local County library and acquire library cards for their foster children.

The Foster Family Reading Festivals will be conducted between September and December 2004 at the following libraries: East Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Rosemead, A C Bilbrew, Carson, Hawthorne, Culver City Julian Dixon, Lynwood, San Fernando, Clifton M. Brakensiek, Norwalk, Rowland Heights, Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy, Lake Los Angeles, Lancaster and San Dimas.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The grant will result in quality library services to foster families, an underserved population, consistent with the County's strategic plan goals in the areas of service excellence and children and families' well being.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The grant will provide funding for enhanced library services to the public with no additional cost to the County. Acceptance of this one-time grant does not commit the County to provide on-going services.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management statement is not required for this grant because the grant amount is under \$100,000.

Target Corporation supports the "Mervyn's Go Places, Read" initiative. Target Corporation is the parent company of Mervyn's.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The Public Library, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services and with the support of the Juvenile Courts, offers a program to provide foster children with a "no fault" library card. This ensures that foster caregivers are not charged fines or fees for lost or overdue library materials borrowed by their foster children. The "Mervyn's Go Places, Read" Foster Family Reading Festival is designed to publicize this special program to encourage foster caregivers to visit their local County library and acquire library cards for their foster children.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Librarian

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller